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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

PRESIDING OFFICER'S
RULING NO. MC98-1/13

Mailing Online Service

Docket No. MC98-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING
MOTIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE RESPONSES

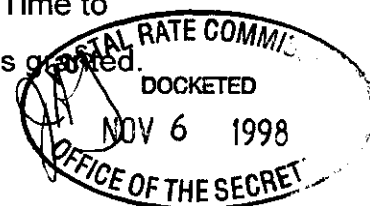
(November 6, 1998)

On October 26, 1998, the due date for filing responses to Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 2, the Postal Service filed a motion for extension of time, until October 28, 1998, to file the responses to questions 3, 4, and 5. The Postal Service indicated that the additional time was needed to coordinate the answers with officials who were unavailable when the responses were being prepared. The responses were received on October 28, 1998, and as no party has been prejudiced, I will grant the motion.

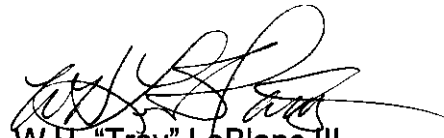
On November 5, 1998, the Postal Service filed a motion requesting an extension, until November 9, 1998, to respond to interrogatory PB/USPS-1. The Service states that the complexity of the material and the need to prepare a library reference contributed to the delay in responding. The motion further states that counsel for Pitney Bowes has been contacted and does not object to the requested extension. I will grant the motion.

RULING

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Additional Time to Respond to POIR No. 2 Questions 3, 4, and 5, filed October 26, 1998, is granted.



2. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Respond to Pitney Bowes Interrogatory PB/USPS-1, filed November 5, 1998, is granted.



W.H. "Trey" LeBlanc III
Presiding Officer